CROES—Died at Yonkers, N. Y., on Saturday, Oct. 1, Helen Robertson, widow of Rev. Robert B. Croes, aged 76 years.

Rev. M. Croes was for many years pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, this city. Many of the older people of Terre Haute will remember pleasantly this christian gentlewoman whose death is thus announced. Croes family 1871

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ROBERT BROWN CROES, D. D.

Robert Brown Croes was a graduate of Queen's College (now Rutgers University) in the Class of 1815. He was the son of Rev. John and Martha (Crane) Croes. The father, a prominent clergyman in this state, became the first Episcopal Bishop of New Jersey in 1815. Robert B. Croes died July 22, 1878, and shortly after his death the following biographical notice was presented by Rev. David Cole to the Alumni Association of Rutgers College:

"The youngest of Bishop Croes's five sons was our alumnus, Rev. Robert B. Croes . . . . He was born at Swedesboro, N. J., Aug. 13, 1800, but of course was brought to New Brunswick in May, 1801. He studied under his father and his father's successors in the Grammar School [connected with the college], and was graduated in 1814 [typographical error for 1815] with the highest honor of his class. After graduation he taught in New Brunswick for a time, and in 1818-19 was Principal of our Grammar School. In 1820 he entered and in 1823 was graduated from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, at that time located in New Haven, Conn. Upon graduation he was ordained to the ministry by his father in St. John's Church of Elizabethtown, of which Rev. John C. Rudd was then rector. This was May 21, 1823. After ordination he was employed for a period as collector of funds for the General Theological Seminary, and traversed the Southern States in that work. After that he was engaged for a few years as assistant, first to Bishop Moore of the Monumental Church of Richmond, Va., and afterwards to Rev. Dr. Butler of Troy, N. Y. Subsequently he was rector at Geneseo, N. Y., minister of St. John's Church at Richmond, Va., rector of St. Peter's at Freehold, N. J., and finally, from 1843-50, of St. Stephen's at Terre Haute, Indiana. At Terre Haute he laid the foundation of what has proved to be a permanent asthmatic disease. The subsequent years of his life have been years of painful suffering, which he has endured with exemplary Christian patience and fortitude, and from which he will find no relief except in the final rest that remaineth for the people of God. Dr. Croes received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from his Alma Mater in 1870. In 1830, May 10, he married Miss Helen Robertson, daughter of James Robertson and Hannah Webster Ruff of Philadelphia. Dr. and Mrs. Croes have had three children, a son and two daughters, all living at Yonkers, N. Y. The son, John James Robertson Croes, is a graduate of St. James College, Hagerstown, Md. He has been a civil engineer of distinction and for many years engaged upon the public works of New York city, especially upon the Croton Aqueduct and in the Park Department."

The funeral of Rev. Croes was held in St. Paul's Church, Yonkers, and he was buried in St. John's Cemetery. As stated in Dr. Cole's memoir, Dr. Croes was for several years rector of St. Peter's Church at Freehold, and also of St. Peter's at Spotswood, twelve miles distant, generally preaching in both churches every Sunday, and not unfrequently walking from one to the other between the services.

According to the Catalogue of the Officers and Alumni of Rutgers College . . . 1766 to 1916 (Trenton, 1916), p. 74, Dr. Croes was principal of Queen's College Grammar School 1819-20, and not 1818-19, as given in Rev. Cole's account.

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